

Docket No.: 50395-029

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masuhiko NATSUHARA, et al.

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For: CERAMICS BASE PLATE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME



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Examiner: W. Berry

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated August 24, 2000, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 between:

- Group I: Claims 1 through 7, directed to a method; and
Group II: Claim 8 directed to a ceramics base plate.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 7, (Group I) with traverse. Favorable consideration of method claims 1 through 7 is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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